

Frequently Asked Questions In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation

Yard Trucks FAQ Revised May 2011

Q - I have some yard trucks in my fleet. Are they subject to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation?

A - Yard trucks, which can also be called yard dogs, yard goats, yard jockeys, yard tractors, hostlers, stevedoring tractors, utility tractor rigs (UTRs), or port tractors, are trucks used in moving trailers and containers short distances around freight terminals, port facilities, warehouses, and other facilities. Yard trucks are regulated by one of the three following regulations:

- (1) The In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Regulation (Off-road regulation),
- (2) The Regulation for Mobile Cargo Handling Equipment at Ports and Intermodal Rail Yards (Cargo Handling Equipment regulation), or
- (3) The In-Use Heavy-Duty Diesel-Fueled Vehicles Regulation (Truck and Bus regulation).

The regulation governing each yard truck is determined by the engine installed in the yard truck (on- or off-road engine), as well as where and how the yard truck is used.

If a yard truck is used at a port or intermodal rail yard, it is regulated under the Cargo Handling Equipment regulation, regardless of whether it has an on-road or off-road engine. More information about the Cargo Handling Equipment regulation is available at: www.arb.ca.gov/cargo

Yard trucks with off-road engines that are not subject to the Cargo Handling Equipment regulation are regulated by the Off-road regulation, unless they are used for agricultural operations as discussed below.

All other yard trucks not subject to the Cargo Handling Equipment or Off-road regulations would be regulated by the Truck and Bus regulation. This includes yard trucks used a majority of the time for agricultural operations or for the first processing of agricultural products, even if the yard truck contains an off-road engine. More information about the Truck and Bus regulation is available at: www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck

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Q - What if I currently have off-road engines in my yard trucks and I want to replace the engines with on-road engines?

A - Yard trucks that contain off-road engines, and are subject to the Off-road regulation, can be repowered with on-road engines. However, even after the repower has occurred, the vehicle will remain subject to the Off-road regulation.

Q - What if I want to replace my diesel yard trucks (that are currently subject to the Off-road regulation) with gasoline or alternative fueled yard trucks?

A - Under specific circumstances, yard trucks with gasoline or alternative fueled engines may be credited for replacing a yard truck with a diesel engine. For more information, please see section 2449(d)(1) of Off-road regulation, which is located at: www.arb.ca.gov/ordiesel

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